

OBSERVICES OF THE LATE BENJAMIN NATHAN.

Obsequies of the Late Benjamin Nathan.

Solemn Services, Great Crowds and Universal Sympathy.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Significant Charge to the Grand Jury by Judge Bedford.

Traces of the Murderer—A Startling Statement.

The obsequies of the late Benjamin Nathan took place yesterday forenoon, from his late residence, No. 12 West Twenty-third street. The hour fixed for the departure of the funeral cortege was ten o'clock. Fully two hundred and twenty persons began to congregate in the street in the immediate vicinity of the dwelling, and by the time the carriage and hearse had arrived there were at least five thousand persons on the block between the Fifth and Sixth avenues. While the ceremonies were being quietly conducted in the house the crowds increased steadily. Men, women and children thronged toward the Fifth Avenue hotel from every avenue and street in the neighborhood, and by ten o'clock the crush was so great that the police found themselves utterly powerless to keep the crowd in order. The consequence was that not only the sidewalks, but Twenty-third street itself, in the vicinity of the house, became crowded, and the stages which generally pass through it had to turn about from the two adjoining avenues, and make a new thoroughfare of Twenty-fourth street. In fact the multitude became finally so immense, and the excitement so great, that Captain Burden had to send to the station house for the reserves, who, on arriving on the ground, and great difficulty successfully to cope with the thousands who lined up every available space on the block. They managed, however, after a little while, to get the greater portion of the crowd back on the sidewalks, although many women who had immediately got too far into the dense mass fainted when the general scramble for place and position beyond the curb occurred. The house in which the

MURDER HAD BEEN COMMITTED was, of course, the chief object of attraction; but what the crowd had come to see was the coffin as it was carried out to the hearse, and when they could see that when the ceremonies within were over, they patiently awaited the coming event, notwithstanding that the heat was almost insupportable. Hundreds had come well prepared to make a day of the thing, and had, with commendable foresight, armed themselves with sun umbrellas, which were at a premium before the crowd dispersed.

WITHIN THE MANSION also a very large number of people had assembled. But where only a few short days ago the smiles of happiness and the chatter of family pleasantries were seen and heard and enjoyed, now reigned a gloom, the stillness of anguish, broken only by the half-suppressed sobs of despair and soulful pain. The friend, the father, the husband, was no more. Like a fair tale, difficult to believe, it appeared to all that he would be dead. The coffin was placed in the hearse, and a few short moments later it was borne away to the place where it was to be laid to rest. The hearse was followed by a large number of carriages, and the funeral cortege was escorted by a band of music.

These feelings were clearly expressed on the sorrowful countenances of all present in the house. No class of people was here unrepresented, the heart of no man remained unmoved. The rich and the poor, the sturdy mechanic and the delicate scholar, the millionaire and the humblest of the people, all felt alike the loss of a man who had been a friend and a benefactor to all. The funeral was a grand and impressive one, and the services were conducted with the utmost solemnity and order.

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Empanelling of the Grand Jury in the General Sessions—Important Charge of Judge Gunnison S. Bedford, Jr.

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PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

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ANOTHER STEAMBOAT HORROR.

Explosion of the Boilers of a Mississippi Steamer.

The Boat Burned to the Water's Edge.

Twenty-one Persons Killed and a Large Number Fatally Injured.

Partial List of the Killed, Wounded and Saved.

MEMPHIS, TENN., August 1, 1870. A terrible disaster occurred at Pacific Place, thirty miles above here, at twelve o'clock last night. The stern-wheel steamerboat River Spray, from New Orleans for Cincinnati, with a large tow, exploded her boilers, killing and wounding a number of the crew and passengers. The boat then took fire. Mr. Singleton, the second clerk, states that just as the watch was called an explosion took place, and in a moment the boat was wrapped in flames. Nothing was left for the survivors but to plunge into the river and swim 300 yards to the nearest shore. Owing to the darkness of the night it was impossible to render assistance to the wounded.

As the books of the principal officers are missing it is impossible to obtain a full list of the killed and injured. The following, however, are known to be lost: Captain A. N. Jordan, of Cincinnati; Madden Worthing, first clerk, of Newport, Ky.; A. Taylor, second mate, of Long Beach; O. W. Bailey, second steward, of Cincinnati; Boyd Smith (colored), berth maker, of New Richmond; Alfred Barnes, second cook, of Pittsburg; Dick Cagle (colored), cook, of New Richmond; A. colored porter, of New Richmond; George Williams (colored), a deck hand, of St. Louis, severely wounded.

A. R. Singleton, second clerk, of Newport, Ky., scalded. James Corcoran, mate. Richard Nichols and Eph. Marsh (colored), deck hands, of Cincinnati, slightly scalded. N. S. Hayne and T. J. Gill, deck hands, of Louisville. Edward Patterson, pilot, of Newport, Ky. The saved: J. M. Ashford, engineer, of Newport, Ky.; Washington Snider, second engineer, of Pittsburg; Henry Shelby (colored), pantryman, of Detroit; G. Sanderin (colored), of Texas. Tender, of Cincinnati. John Clay, steerman, of Cincinnati. James Legley, of Cincinnati. Benj. West (colored), of New Albany. Charles Smith (colored), of Louisville. The latter two were deck hands.

The following are the deck passengers: John Plynner and John Papd, of Cincinnati; Henry Meyer, of New Orleans, and a German, with his wife and child, names unknown. Two hours after the explosion the steamer City of Cairo bore in sight and immediately went to the relief of the sufferers. All who were saved were taken on board and brought here. As soon as the news of the disaster reached here the citizens hurried to the wharf, and everything possible was done for the wounded, who, by order of Mayor Johnson, were taken in ambulances to the city hospitals, every attention being shown them there.

The passengers who were saved lost all their clothing and baggage, but were partially supplied by the officers and crew and the passengers of the City of Cairo, of whose conduct they speak in the warmest terms. The City of Cairo was bound to St. Louis, but turned back after using every effort to recover the bodies lost. The Spray floated down the river two miles and lodged on the bar, where she and the cargo burned to the water's edge. She was seven years old, and belonged to Captain S. Patterson, who had stopped off for a trip, leaving Captain Jordan in charge.

The boat had nearly 300 crates of queen's ware and a number of cabin and deck passengers. There were also nineteen deck hands on board. It is believed by Mr. Singleton that twenty-six lives were lost.

Additional Particulars of the Disaster—Twenty-one Persons Killed—How the Fire Occurred. MEMPHIS, August 1, 1870. The following additional particulars of the River Spray disaster have been received. It is now ascertained that there were forty-five persons on the boat, and of these twenty-six have been found, two of whom have since died. Out of nineteen "roustabouts" only seven have been recovered, five of whom are severely wounded.

A German, who got aboard here by mistake and refused to go ashore in the coal barge, two cabin boys and a chambermaid, are also known to be lost. Anton Kripker's wife and child were saved. Richard Doyle, a watchman, Henry Rowland, a colored porter, and William Duncan were severely wounded. The City of Cairo arrived here at noon, but brings no additional particulars, save that the wreck of the barge was still burning when she passed. Soon after their arrival here Engineers Ashford and Morehead, mate James Corcoran, carpenter Wade and pilot R. Patterson went before Captain Washington, the local inspector, and made a written statement to the effect that the wreck was the best they had ever seen. They were carefully examined and their names cleared, and everything was in good condition.

At eleven o'clock Ashford tried the water, examined the boilers, and was using the crank wrench when the explosion occurred. In an instant all was darkness, and until the boat took fire nothing could be seen. The debris of the wreck was so piled upon the furnaces that the fire could not be extinguished.

L. W. Gill, deck hand, says the fire was caused by the falling of a lamp from the cabin after the explosion, after which the people all took to the barge and the wreck of the cabin falling over on the barge it took fire causing the people, burned and maimed, to rush into the water. The explosion blew the freight toward the barge so that the hawseers could not be cut. The survivors speak in the warmest terms of the conduct of the people on the shore, and the officers, crew and passengers of the City of Cairo. Portions of the wreck have been passing here this P. M.

PEDESTRIANISM. Mr. Edward Payson Weston, whose pedestrian feat in the risk a couple of months ago created so much excitement, yesterday concluded arrangements here to walk at the same place next Monday 400 miles in five consecutive days, including the attempt to walk 112 miles within twenty-four consecutive hours. This is a combination of the two great feats that Mr. Weston intended to perform in Paris and London, but the breaking out of the French war has delayed it. If not interrupted, his intended trip to Europe. The medical fraternity are greatly interested in the feat, which, if successful, will be the greatest of the kind on record.

THE NEWARK SEWER ACCIDENT. An early hour yesterday morning the extensive barn and stable connected with the Jackson Military Institute at Newark, Westchester county, caught fire through some unknown agency and was totally destroyed. A large quantity of hay and grain stored in the barn were also consumed. The loss is estimated at \$8,000, on which there was a small amount of insurance. Three valuable horses belonging to the institute were also destroyed. It is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

SUICIDE IN JERSEY CITY. A negro maker, named John Schmittler, committed suicide at his residence in Scott street yesterday by cutting his wrist with a razor, which made him bleed to death. He leaves a wife and family.